

**DECEMBER 11, 2012 SESSION
OF THE
WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The Walworth County Board Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order by Chair Russell at 5:03 p.m. at the Government Center, 100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

Roll Call

Roll Call was conducted and the following Supervisors were present: Richard Brandl, Tim Brellenthin, Vice-Chair Jerry A. Grant, Daniel G. Kilkenny, Kenneth H. Monroe, Carl Redenius, Joe Schaefer, Tim Schiefelbein, Rick Stacey, David A. Weber, and Chair Nancy Russell.

• **The purpose of the meeting is:**

- Presentation by the Wisconsin Counties Association Regarding Its Programs and Services

Liz Stephens, Membership and External Affairs Manager, gave a presentation detailing the organization of Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA). The primary function of WCA is to serve as an advocate of county interests before state and federal government. Ms. Stephens stated WCA has five in-house full-time lobbyists. She gave an overview of WCA's legislative duties and how they develop policy through its committees. Ms. Stephens encouraged participation and stated members can participate in meetings in person or via telephone. She also discussed WCA's 2013-2014 Budget Priorities and how members can become involved.

Ms. Stephens gave an overview of member benefits, which include advocacy, resources, training and updates, and products and services. Some resources available to members include select legal analyses and interpretation, Act 10 legal and implementation guidance, and policy analysis. Ms. Stephens stated a program they are trying this year is to allow newly elected supervisors access to one annual conference free of charge. She also stated webinars on county issues are held periodically, and educational seminars held throughout the year are offered at reduced rates. She discussed some of the products and services available to members, such as unlimited subscriptions for county personnel to *WisPolitics.com* Platinum Updates, *The Wheeler Report*, and *WCA eNews*. They also offer free or reduced pricing on IT products, whole life insurance, deferred compensation, and other commodities. Ms. Stephens discussed WCA's Affiliated Entities, which are Group Health Trust, Wisconsin County Mutual Insurance Corporation, WCA Services, Inc., and Community Insurance Corporation.

J. Michael Blaska, Director of Programs and Services, gave an overview of WCA Services, Inc., which is a wholly owned subsidiary of WCA created in 1997 by the WCA Board of Directors in order to provide additional services to counties. Mr. Blaska named some of the service providers and discussed what they offer. Service Providers include American Automobile Association (AAA), CDW-G, Boston Mutual Life Insurance, PMA Financial Network, Inc., Premier Solutions, Public Finance Authority, U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, Nationwide Retirement Solutions, NACo Prescription Discount Card, and Motorola Solutions. Mr. Blaska stated the NACo Prescription Discount Card would be available to all county residents. Mr. Blaska said WCA is pleased to have Walworth County back as a member.

Chair Russell thanked Ms. Stephens and Mr. Blaska for their presentation.

Adjournment

On motion by Supervisor Brandl, seconded by Supervisor Weber, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

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COUNTY OF WALWORTH)

I, Kimberly S. Bushey, County Clerk in and for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the County Board of Supervisors for the December 11, 2012 Committee of the Whole Meeting.